

without any special problems developing out of it. I think the bill in its content is aimed at what the Governor spoke of on his address to us here just a few weeks ago of providing a system with better citizen participation. That is what the bill is all about, to give another place. We have got our polling places out there and to provide that people can register at them. Generally there are personnel sitting there not doing anything that could be deputized to do it, and if it creates problems we leave a mail form registration to hand them, fill out and then follow up any detail work afterward. Any additional duties will be in proportion to those that are registered to vote. So the issue becomes one, if we want to open up the registration process so we have more participation in the elective system. They cannot vote on the day they register at this polling place, so it will offer no loopholes as far as somebody getting in to vote that would be improperly or beating the system for a vote. So I urge the adoption of the amendments which would leave it clear that it could be worked out with just the intent of getting more people registered with no problems at these polling places on election day. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak on the Burrows amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have some real personal concerns since when I go to my polling place, I do not often see people sitting around or standing around with nothing to do. Now it may be that my polling place is one of the busier ones in the state of Nebraska, but I am concerned about the need for personnel who during the rest of the time might be available but on election day can be extremely busy, particularly if this is a general election. So I personally have some real hesitancy about supporting this concept.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion on the amendment? Do you have any other comments, Senator Burrows?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, the purpose of the amendment is to alleviate the concerns of Senator Marsh. It would allow where such problems would exist, and I am sure she is correct, they could possibly exist at some of these busy polls, for them at those polls to provide mail-in forms to hand to the person, let them make it out and then take care of it later in the week, with the office to check out the location, the addresses and so forth, to provide those forms which are presently mailed and treat those and provide this alternative